

## THE VISITOR.

HALIFAX, N. S.

SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 5, 1842.

We have devoted our available space this week to interesting extracts, chiefly.—In every direction we see abundant cause to rejoice respecting the progress of the Temperance reformation,—yet every where are vestiges of the ravages still committed by the opposite vice. Consequently, we should keep pace with thankfulness, and we should no more think of slumbering sluggishly at our posts, than of giving up the field. We have penetrated effectively into the enemy's territories, but the fact should induce watchfulness and activity, not repose. While one poor, bloated, tottering, specimen of humanity appears—one, in rags, and idleness, and deep degradation,—one, who is a blasting spectre to his friends and family,—instead of being comfortable, respectable and useful,—the friend of Temperance should not rest satisfied from his labours.

To win a source of weakness and shame from his vice and misery, and exalt him into a good citizen, would be a god-like work,—and such a work, in a great measure, is entrusted to his fellow men. When will law-makers duly feel, that the exhibition of one wretch, made wretched by sufferances, should be greater cause of regret than the loss of tens of thousands of revenue. When will they feel that the gain made by human misery, should be considered worse to the touch than molten lead? Exigencies would be more than met, by new sources of strength, if all the impure sources of revenue on earth were abolished; but no exigencies can excuse the perpetration of wrong on those whom we are bound to protect. It is an insult to humanity and common sense, to hear the cool calculation of proceeds from sources of evil, and of the advantages of such proceeds. It savours of the spirit of the most gross oppression and outrage. We do not say that coercion and violent remedies should be used; but that it is time to think correctly, and to seize all proper opportunities of cleansing the land from iniquity.

Harmony of sentiment eminently marks the Harmonic Association, and promises well for the harmony of voice and lute, which is hoped for. *Harmony in all things* should be the motto of the Society,—faithfulness to the maxim will accomplish excellent things.

Charles B. Naylor, Treasurer of the Halifax Temperance Society, acknowledges with much pleasure the receipt of £5 for the Temperance Missionary Fund, from Lewis Smith, Esq. Secretary of the Northern District Union Temperance Society of Brookfield, Queen's County. Also, £11 from T. R. Patillo, Esq. of Liverpool, and £1 from Henry Gardner, Esq. President of the Yarmouth Union Temperance Society.

From the Halifax Register.

A LETTER, ON PROGRESS OF TEMPERANCE IN NOVA-SCOTIA. It must be highly gratifying to all sincere friends of religion and humanity, to hear the surprising progress the noble virtue temperance has made for the last year throughout this Province. Having lent my aid to the first movements of the good cause in this County, it is with the liveliest sa-

tisfaction I behold a thorough change for the better that has been effected over all the County. The moral regeneration is not confined to one township or district—it is universal. The improvident sons of the forest are regained, to a great degree, from a life of idleness and misery to habits of industry and comparative comfort. As the cross that hangs from the tawny neck of the Indian Chief reminds him of his spiritual regeneration through the passion of the Redeemer, so the Temperance Medal is to him a constant monitor of his late emancipation, and that of his fallen tribe, from the thralldom of intemperance. Sobriety is to him a balm to cure all his wounds.

Amid the beneficial movements that ushered in the beginning of last year, the hardy yeomen of St. Andrews remained no idle spectators. With very few exceptions, the male population of this flourishing and populous township, is enrolled under the standard of Temperance. To the native youth, as well as to the aged sons of "Morven's ancient hills," the poisonous cup has become odious. The happy effects of sobriety are to be seen in the remotest hamlets, whilst an eager thirst after the fountain of knowledge is daily evinced in every section of the country. In one word, respectability abroad, peace and comfort at home, are among the many and consoling fruits of last year's happy movements. What a happiness then must result, to the coming generation, from this Christian and noble victory of their fathers over the most dangerous of foes!

To rescue the stragglers that have hitherto loitered, to their loss and shame on the rear of these victorious movements, a second Crusade is in contemplation. Thus we hope the prey shall be snatched from the iron grasp of the enemy described by St. Peter, "As a roaring lion that goeth about seeking whom he may devour."

AN INHABITANT OF ST. ANDREWS, (N. S.)

21st February, 1842.

We are happy to be able to subjoin the following additional notices of the progress of the "Good Cause," as it is emphatically and truthfully denominated. In writing to the Secretary of the St. Mary's Total Abstinence Society—Mr. J. W. Quinan—the Rev. Niel McLeod, of East Bay, observes:—

"The number of Teetotallers in this Parish is four hundred; that of the Partial Pledge, three hundred: all males."

The Rev. John Quinan, of Tracadie, in a letter to the same Gentleman, remarks:

"Since I last wrote to you on the subject of Temperance, I have added 175 Teetotallers to my list.—Total 598.—Feb. 18."

We annex the letter of the Rev. J. Courteau, of L'Ardoise, to the Secretary here:

In compliance with your note, requesting the number of Teetotallers in this Parish, I feel pleasure in forwarding you that information. The number of Teetotallers is 256, of whom 237 are Indians. Thirty-one took the partial pledge, total 287.—I hope that the number of Teetotallers will increase, in the course of the ensuing summer amongst the French people. I heard that many Indians, who have deferred taking the pledge, are prepared to take it next summer, on St. Ann's day.

The St. John Total Abstinence Society, we understand, will march in Procession on St. Patrick's Day.